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1. REQUEST AMEMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR.
MINASHIN SOONEST:

DEAR DR. MINASHIN:

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR COMMUNICATION OF 24 OCTOBER 1975
CONCERNING YOUR DIFFICULTIES WITH THE MOSCOW EARTH STATION
AND YOUR INTENTION TO DISCONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS TO ACTIVATE
THE MOSCOW STATION.

AS YOU HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY INFORMED, THE DCL DELEGATION
AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ARE NOT OFFICIALLY INVOLVED WITH
THE L'VOV STATION. THEREFORE, YOUR DECISION TO MOVE THE
NEW SCPC EQUIPMENT TO L'VOV IS OF NO CONCERN TO THE DCL
DELEGATION AND IS A MATTER TO BE RESOLVED BETWEEN YOU AND
THE COMMERCIAL CARRIER.

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HOWEVER, WE HAVE VERY SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE DIFFICUL-

TIES YOU INDICATE YOU ARE CONTINUING TO HAVE WITH THE MOSCOW STATION. WE WOULD APPRECIATE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT DESCRIBING THE EXACT NATURE OF THESE PROBLEMS. WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE PROBLEMS WOULD BE CORRECTED WITH THE NEW SCPC EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT WHILE TGP-4 HAS NOT AS YET BEEN OPERATING TO TGP-1 STANDARDS, IT HAS STEADILY IMPROVED. THEREFORE WE ARE VERY DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN OF YOUR PROPOSAL TO MOVE TGP-4 TO THE L'VOV STATION.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE DECEMBER 1973 PROTOCOLS SPECIFICALLY STATE THAT DCL CHANNEL TGP-4 WILL TERMINATE AT THE MOSCOW EARTH STATION. FURTHERMORE, BOTH SIDES ARE REQUIRED BY AGREEMENT TO EXERT ALL EFFORTS TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE THE DCL STATIONS AT A HIGH LEVEL OF EFFICIENCY. WE BELIEVE THERE ARE CERTAIN OPTIONS WHICH MAY BE USED TO CORRECT THE MOSCOW EARTH STATION PROBLEMS, SUCH AS INSTALLING THE SCPC EQUIPMENT. THEREFORE, WE BELIEVE THE SOVIET SIDE SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO CORRECT THE MOSCOW EARTH STATION PROBLEMS. PLEASE ADVISE US IF THERE IS ANY WAY IN WHICH THE U.S. SIDE CAN ASSIST IN THIS EFFORT.

CONCERNING YOUR PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER TGP-4 TO L'VOV, ONE OF THE BASIC INTENTIONS OF THE SALT AGREEMENTS CONCERNING THE DCL WAS TO ELIMINATE, TO THE GREATEST DEGREE POSSIBLE, THE VULNERABILITIES OF TERRESTIAL SYSTEMS. THEREFORE, DIVERTING TGP-4 TO L'VOV AND SUBJECTING IT TO AN EXTENSIVE TERRESTIAL SYSTEM, EVEN THOUGH IT IS WITHIN THE USSR, IS CONTRARY TO THE INTENTION OF THE SALT AGREEMENTS. TO TRANSFER TGP-4 TO L'VOV ALSO VIOLATES THE AGREEMENTS OF DECEMBER 1973.

WE ARE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TESTING TGP-3 AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. WE ASSUME YOU WILL PROVIDE SPECIFIC DATES AND TIMES WHEN THESE TESTS WILL BEGIN, AS WELL AS PROVIDING ANY OTHER NECESSARY INFORMATION. WE RECOMMEND THAT TERMINAL-TO-TERMINAL

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EQUIPMENT TESTS INCLUDING THE CODER 12 BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TGP-3 EARTH STATION-TO-EARTH STATION 24 HOUR TESTING, TO INSURE THAT ANY DIFFICULTIES WHICH MAY OCCUR SUCH AS THOSE WHICH WE EXPERIENCED ON TGP-4 ARE IDENTIFIED AND CORRECTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU CONCERNING THE CRITICAL MATTERS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

BEST PERSONAL REGARDS. SINCERELY, WILLIS E. NAEHER.

2. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN THIS LETTER HAS BEEN DELIVERED. KISSINGER

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